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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application, the applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7, 13 and 18 as follows:

5. (Amended) The mower head of claim 4 wherein two of said deck at least three sides are normal to each other and a third of said deck at least three sides is positioned at an [acute] obtuse angle in relation to said two of said deck at least three sides.